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1. The Greditz Steel Works are the main producers of casting moulds in the Russian Zone. The erection of the rolling mill delivered by the USSR should be completed soon. It was originally to be in operation by 1 June 1949.

- A new 15-ton Siemens-Martin furnace is to be erected at the works soon. The first tapping is due to take place on 20 August 1949. Three more 40-ton furnaces are to be installed.

3. The butt welding plant at the tube rolling mill in Riesa was due to be put into operation by 1 June 1949. Two alternating-current motors at 120 kw are still required, however. Efforts to obtain them throughout the zone have been unsuccessful.

4.
- The fourth Siemens-Martin furnace at the Riesa Steel Works has been repaired and has been operating since 10 May 1949.

5.
- The recently erected tractor works at Nordhausen were due to start production of 22 hp tractors at the end of June. It is planned to turn out 150 tractors at this plant by the end of 1949. The 1950 production plan calls for 2,000 tractors.

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